radius, and as broad at the base as one mesh. Six spines correspond to the six corners of a regular octahedron, eight to the centre of the eight faces.

Dimensions.—Diameter of the shell 0.1, pores 0.008, bars 0.002; radial spines 0.06, basal breadth 0.01.

Habitat.—Central Pacific, Station 274, surface.

14. Acanthosphæra florida, n. sp.

Shell thick walled, fifteen times as broad as one mesh. Pores regular, circular, hexagonally lobed, separated by prominent funnel-shaped crests of half the breadth. Twenty conical radial spines, half as long as the radius, as broad at the base as one funnel.

Dimensions.—Diameter of the shell 0.15, pores 0.01, bars 0.005; length of the spines 0.04, basal breadth 0.02.

Habitat.—South Atlantic, Station 325, depth 2650 fathoms.

15. Acanthosphæra enneacantha, n. sp.

Shell thin walled, fourteen times as broad as one mesh. Pores regular, circular, twice as broad as the bars. Nine radial spines, regularly disposed, as long as the shell diameter, three-sided prismatic, with pyramidal apex, as broad as one mesh.

Dimensions.—Diameter of the shell 0.14, pores 0.01, bars 0.005; length of the spines 0.15, breadth 0.01.

Habitat.—Central Pacific, Station 265, depth 2900 fathoms.

16. Acanthosphæra octahedralis, n. sp.

Shell thick walled, octahedral, fourteen times as broad as one mesh. Pores regular, circular, three times as broad as the bars. Fourteen radial spines, regularly disposed, conical, as long as the radius of the shell, twice as broad at the base as one mesh. Six spines correspond to the six corners of a regular octahedron, eight to the central points of its eight faces.

Dimensions.—Diameter of the shell 0.14, pores 0.01, bars 0.003; length of the spines 0.08, basal breadth 0.02.

Habitat.—North Pacific, Station 253, depth 3125 fathoms.

17. Acanthosphæra compacta, n. sp.

Shell thick walled, about sixty times as broad as one mesh. Pores regular, circular, twice as broad as the bars. Thirty to forty radial spines, three-sided pyramidal, scarcely half as long as the radius, five to six times as broad at the base as one pore.

Dimensions.—Diameter of the shell 0.24, pores 0.004, bars 0.002; length of the radial spines 0.05, basal breadth 0.02.

Habitat.-Fossil in Barbados.